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2.30 P.M.

My dear Sam.

I closed and mailed my earlier letter of to day in order to be free for the meeting with Mr. Burnham at the hour he appointed but so far he has not appeared, but this is not unusual as he comes down town so seldom that he always has a number of places to call when he does, and they hold on to him at each: but he smokes his cigar here

Meantime I have been re-reading your letters of this campaign so far rec'd, and I wish to express my appreciation of their fullness and clearness, as well as the skill with which you have managed the affairs you have had in hand. The course pursued by the G.M. since we parted in S.F. the past winter is unjustifiable, and simply amazing in its utter disregard of the plan of proceeding absolutely agreed upon at that time; the expenditures reckless; and unbusinesslike is certainly a very mild term to apply to the financial operations. The position was complicated and embarrassing and I have no doubt that you have made the best arrangements possible under the circumstances and I shall carry out

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your suggested wishes wherever I can, but as I said to you while here, the operations of my colleagues in Calif had become so erratic, and apparently unfaithful, that I must confer with and be advised by my colleagues here. One thing you may rely upon, whatever obligations have been incurred by the Company upon your responsibility or with your positive concurrence will be promptly met and outside of that the line you draw in favor of claims for material furnished and labor done in the mines will serve as the limit of further advances until all matters involved are satisfactorily settled.

I will take up each feature named by you in a future communication, when I can speak more definitely, but will say now that I will not insist at the present time with my colleagues here upon any advance upon the bid of 5 cts. per share, if they hesitate. The fact is there are so many uncertainties in the situation that one feels like getting everything into good shape - universally understood & agreed before going any further.

Your letter of 4th & Mr. Burnham just in together. Affy W. L.